



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Yutaka KITAMURA, et al.

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RESPONSE

GROUP 3600

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2003, Applicants hereby elect for present prosecution Species II, Figure 5, on which claims 1-4, 6 and 9-13 are believed readable. Election is made without traverse; Applicant reserves the right to file an appropriate divisional application at an appropriate time.

Respectfully submitted,

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